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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2002, designated paper no. 11, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 21-25:

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- - 21. A flexible graphite sheet comprising a compressed mass of expanded graphite particles, the expanded graphite particles formed from graphite flake sized that at least 70% of said flake by weight passes through an 80 mesh screen prior to expansion.
 - 22. The flexible graphite sheet of claim 21 wherein the graphite flake sized at least about 50% by weight 80 x 140 mesh prior to expansion.